

### THE UNPAID CLAIMS.

RE MONSTROUS BILLS TO BE SUBMIT

TO THE BOARD OF AUDIT.  
FRAUDS AGAINST THE CITY AND COUNTY IN  
PREPARATION — ADDITIONAL LIST OF BILLS  
TO BE AUDITED — STRANGE CHARACTER OF  
SOME OF THEM — THE WATER-METER BILLS  
AND HOW THEY ARE EXPLAINED — A CHAP-

The partial list published yesterday, exclusively in THE TRIBUNE, of the unpaid claims against the city, which are to be passed upon by the new Board of Audit, attracted general attention and

were carefully perused by citizens interested in the economic administration of affairs. It was remarked that while citizens had grown indifferent to the repeated exposures of the past swindles of the Tammany Ring, and no longer read them in detail, they seized with avidity any revelation of frauds likely to be attempted in the future. Many editors, publishers,

attempted in its future. Many citizens called at THE TRIBUNE office and pointed out items in the accounts which they believed to be scandalously exorbitant charges, and others which they claimed to be intentionally fraudulent. Reporters of THE TRIBUNE were employed to examine into the facts, and when the intentional fraud is established it will be exposed. Some of

Below are given additional lists of unpaid claims, both against the city and county. It must be remembered

against the city and county. It must be remembered that these are not the fraudulent accounts which have already been published. These were paid. It will be the fault of the people if the Ring rogues got any more of the like plunder.

In the list, as published yesterday, the claim of the Portland Co-ordinating Association for printing for the

The bill of Frank E. Towle, amounting to \$310 00, for regulating and grading, curbing, guttering, and flagging First-ave., from Ninety-second-st. to One-hundred-and-

ninth-st., published below, seems strange in view of the fact that no such improvements appear yet to exist, and the reporter is aware, from personal knowledge, that nothing has been done on that portion of the line of First-ave. other than the dumping of sufficient earth to warrant the belief that an extension of that avenue was

proposed. How many more such instances can be enumerated it is impossible now to state, but it would be well for citizens interested to examine these bills for street improvements and learn how far work has progressed for which payment is demanded.

The amounts claimed to be due on unpaid contracts

Among other curious and significant claims in the list below will be found that of B. F. Brady "for engrossing a resolution complimentary to Assistant Alderman Riley, \$350."

Three items charged to the city, amounting to \$2,760, are set forth as being the expenses of the Tammany Hall reception of the exiled Fenians.

The item of \$42.57 is charged by James Mead for newspapers supplied, to whom is not said, from June 10 to July 29. This would amount to nearly \$1,710 84 yearly, and would buy daily about 120 copies of the most expensive newspapers.

A claim is made by Thomas Canary for \$7,425, being charges for the use of a "horse, wagon and delivery

THE NAVARRO WATER-METER.

for 4,550 water-meters furnished by him to the Department of Public Works. Among the measures passed by Mr. Tweed's Legislature, in 1870, was one allowing the Commissioners of Public Works to select water-meters, and have them placed on all buildings where Croton water was used, dwelling-houses excepted. In July,

1870, Mr. Tweed advertised for a trial of meters at the pipe-yard at the foot of Twenty-eighth-st. A large number of meters was presented and the trial continued from the 3d of October to the 23d of November. No public report was ever made of the conclusions reached, and the opinion of many unsuccessful

ful competitor is that the design of the trial was to make notes on the good points of the various instruments, in order to combine them and make a "Ring" machine. Subsequent to the trial it is asserted that a new meter was presented, and, receiving a favorable report from the Chief Engineer, was patented as the "Moore meter,"

and adopted. It is customary for municipal authorities, in selecting meters, to place different varieties on trial for a year or more, making final choice of the one shown to be the best in most particulars. With the Ring meter nothing of the kind was done. After a trial of one day it was decided to be just the thing wanted.

A month later was patented, and soon afterward a contract was made between Mr. Tweed, Commissioner of Public Works, and Mr. Navarro, owner of the patent. Ten thousand were to be put up, for which property-owners would have had to pay \$6 each, and the costs of putting in place—a lien on the property, securing payment. This contract with Mr. Navarro, and the

payment. The contract with Mr. Navarro is on file in the Department of Public Works. It is dated August 29, 1871, and requires 10,000 water-meters to be furnished on or before July 1, 1872. They are to be made according to Patent No. 111,134, dated January 24, 1871—to be of the best quality of brass and best style of workmanship; the price to be paid is \$20 each meter. (The contract was

price to be paid is \$5 each meter. The contract was "signed and sealed in presence of Alex. Frear," and approved by Edward W. Tracy, Chief Engineer.

**MR. NAVARRO'S STATEMENT.**

A TRIBUNE reporter obtained the following statement from Mr. Navarro, yesterday :

"The Moore meter was adopted by the city authorities

The Moore meter was adopted by the city authorities in January, 1871. Only 4,000 have as yet been delivered. The manufacturing is done by the Hydraulic Machine Company, the officers of which are J. F. Navarro, President, and John Baird, Secretary. The meter was tested at the time of the three months' test in 1870. It has been stated that it was never tested, but this is not true. It

ated that it was never tested, but this is not true. It was the last one invented and there was no patent on it at the time, but the record of its trial can be found in the Department of Public Works, and shows that it was subjected to the severest tests of any and met the approval of the examiners. Mr. Moore, the patentee, was an employé of mine. I owned some half dozen

patents, some of my own invention. I have made a special study of the subject, and experimented with it at a heavy expense for two years. The trial of the net lasted two or three days, a longer time than was given to the others. Some 70 were tried, from all parts of the United States, and some from Canada. Not half a dozen stood the test. It has not been adopted elsewhere.

have been too busy here to attend to it elsewhere. I have had many applications, some even from Europe. The weight of my one-inch meter is about 55 pounds, all brass. It has a capacity of 50 gallons per minute. The price is less than the city has paid heretofore for an iron meter. It has been using meters for the last 15 years. The City of Boston are now paying 20 per cent more for a meter of less capacity. The first time I ever met any

The Tweed Ring was at a meeting of the Village Board. I should probably never have had any personal business relations with them had not my meter been found the best. No politician has ever been interested in the Hydraulic Machine Company, of which I am President. It has only been in existence since Jan. 1, 1871. I am willing to show all my books and papers. I consider it a perfectly fair and square business transac-

Mr. Navarro appeared very nervous on the subject, and intimated that the profits of the business were no longer equivalent for the disagreeable notoriety he had achieved.

RE THE OLD GAMES OF FORGERY STILL  
GOING ON!  
*to the Editor of The Tribune.*  
SIR: Your erroneous figures in this morn-  
ing's TRIBUNE, making our bill against the Finance De-

partment, from Sept. 30 to Nov. 13, 1871, the preposterous sum of \$71,155, may hurt us as applicants for the printing of the Common Council. When Mr. Green was made controller we applied for a share of the public printing at his disposal, and he gave us a share. We challenge an inspection of our bills for that printing. Our entire

account against the city, from Mr. Green's accession un-